

Session Meeting
 First Presbyterian Church
 Davenport, Iowa
 June 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa was held in Von Maur Hall on Monday, June 12, 2019.

Moderator Rev. Katie Styrk called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and opened with prayer.

	Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class 2021
E	Stephanie Arp <i>Finance</i>	A	Samantha Crow <i>Worship & Music</i>	p	Paula Burnett <i>Hospitality & Welcome</i>
A	Peter Bawden <i>Buildings & Grounds</i>	E	Barbara Ehrmann <i>Adult Christian Education</i>	p	Seth Crawford <i>Finance</i>
p	Bowles Edwards, Marty <i>Clerk of Session</i>	p	Michael Ferris <i>Worship & Music</i>	A	Jeffrey Gomez <i>Congregational Development and Fellowship</i>
P	Sarah Greim <i>Christian Ed. & Fellowship for Youth</i>	P	Dick Koos <i>Adult Christian Education</i>	E	Jim Keenan <i>Adult Christian Education</i>
E	Matt Kabel <i>Buildings & Grounds</i>	p	Pamela Paulsen <i>Finance</i>	p	Merlyn Pete Madden <i>Buildings & Grounds</i>
P	Jane Magnusson <i>Christian Ed. & Fellowship for Youth; Worship & Music</i>	P	RuthAnn Tobey-Brown <i>Personnel</i>	A	Diane Roebuck <i>Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth</i>
A	Kristine Oswald <i>Worship & Music</i>	A	James Woods <i>Hospitality & Welcoming</i>	p	Karla Ruitter <i>Congregational Development and Fellowship</i>
P	Jeanne Sherwood <i>Hospitality & Welcoming; Nominating</i>			A	Don Wood <i>Worship & Music</i>

The Elders Roll (P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent)

A quorum was present.

Staff members:

P	Rev Katie Styrk <i>Associate Pastor Moderator</i>	E	Tiffany McClure, CRE <i>Director of Christian Education</i>
P	Matthew Bishop <i>Director of Music</i>	p	Kristine Olson <i>Finance Manager</i>
p	Darren Long <i>Facilities & Custodial Supervisor</i>		

Deacons' Representative:

P	Ted Brown <i>Deacons' Moderator</i>
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Guests:

p	Anita Burnett <i>Administrative Commission</i>	p	Pat Halverson <i>Administrative Commission</i>
p	Sam Massey <i>Administrative Commission</i>	p	Jeff Charis Carlson <i>Administrative Commission</i>

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On motion, the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

DEACONS' REPORT -Ted Brown

Standing Committee Reports

- Outreach:
 - Neighborhood picnic was a great success with over 300 people fed. Expenses were \$900 dollars under budget for this event.
 - PUNCH wants to sell mugs that depict the 2019 flood's impact on Davenport. The proceeds of the sales will go to PUNCH and not for flood victim relief. PUNCH has asked First Pres to sell 100 mugs. Deacon's Exec Council recommends against doing this. It was felt that this may be seen as taking advantage of the flood victims in order to raise funds for unrelated matters.

On motion, Session affirmed **not** to sell flood depiction mugs for \$5.00 on church property, from which proceeds would benefit Punch.

- Tuesday night manning of the J. B. Young food pantry has been coordinated by Tiffany. It was not part of her job description, but something she enjoyed doing. If unable to find a volunteer replacement, we would discontinue manning the pantry.
- Homework Helpers had their end of year party with 16-17 kids in attendance. We are assessing our ability to staff this mission in the Fall.
- Wednesday night meal for Boys and Girls Club will be staffed by Traci Riedesel and her children over the summer starting next week. Volunteers to serve will again be needed in the Fall.
- Outreach committee will discuss giving Traci a stipend for gas money for her trips to Sam's Club and HyVee. It was agreed this would be a good idea if we had adequate discretionary funds to do so.
- We served 50 at the Churches United Dinner.
- Food Pantry collected money and 58 food items for May.
- PUNCH is in the process of preparing the community garden on FPC property.
- Beauty on the Boulevard is getting started. M. Ellard is recruiting volunteers.
- Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development
 - Working on possible men's events and a women's breakfast for the Fall.
 - Working on updating descriptions and directions for its ministries.

New and Other Business:

On motion, Session approved applying \$900 surplus from Neighborhood Picnic to lunch fund for VBC, divided evenly among the five noon meals, in keeping with Wiebener Fund intent and guidelines.

STAFF REPORTS

Matt Bishop

- Musical performance upcoming, June 29 and 30. All are encouraged to attend *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.
- Fall music planning is underway.
- PAS for 2019-2020 is being finalized and will be presented for Session Approval at the July 15, 2019 meeting.

Tiffany Horvath – presented by Katie Styrt

- VBC volunteers needed for July 15-19, mornings only

- Session voted to approve an Ethics Boundary Covenant to respect the termination of Pastoral relationship between Tiffany and FPC Davenport. *(A copy of the Ethics Boundary Covenant Agreement approved by the Session at the June 12, 2019 as presented, can be found in the Appendix of the official 2019 Session minutes.)*

Kristine Olson

- Procedural Review will begin Monday, June 17, 2019
- Working with Staff on turnover needs and planning

Pat Halverson

- Appreciates everyone’s support

Darren Long

- Working on a list of needed repairs of the building property

Katie Styr

- Summer weddings abound at FPC, Davenport, with 7 total and 5-6 of those to be held within our church building.
- Working on Staff turnover plans

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kristine Olsen

None this meeting. Financials not available as of yet, due to scheduling the June Session Meeting one week early.

On motion, the following CONSENT AGENDA items were approved as presented electronically:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting held May 20, 2019.
- **The REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SESSION**

(A full copy of the May 2019 Clerk’s report presented to the Session at the June 12, 2019 Session Meeting can be found in the Appendix of the official 2019 Session minutes.)

Baptismal Approval

Franklin Cole Boyler
 Son of Allison Leigh (Stafford) Boyler and
 David Michael Boyler
 Date of Birth: December 20, 2018

Date

June 30, 2019

 Place of Birth: Davenport, Iowa

New Members Received into Membership May 5, 2019

Jamie Buller	Reaffirmation of Faith
William Cracraft	Confirmation
Cecily Ferris	Confirmation
Matthew Hennes	Profession of Faith
Sarah Hennes	Reaffirmation of Faith
Alyssa Horvath	Confirmation
Bonnie Johnson	Reaffirmation of Faith
Nicholas Johnson	Baptism & Profession of Faith
Rece Johnson	Confirmation
Scott Johnson	Baptism & Profession of Faith
Alene Keppy	Confirmation
Edward Owens	Reaffirmation of Faith
Kristy Owens	Reaffirmation of Faith
Rehema Zabibu	Baptism & Profession of Faith/Confirmation

New Members Received into Membership May 26, 2019

Benjamin DeCoster	Baptism & Profession of Faith
Kelli DeCoster	Baptism & Profession of Faith/Confirmation

Requests Resulting in the Reduction of Active Roll

Marcia Gable	Remove from Active Roll - Joined St. Paul Lutheran Church Davenport, Iowa
Robert Lee Miller	Remove from Active Roll - Transferring to Bettendorf Presbyterian Church, Bettendorf, Iowa

Deaths

Elaine D. Peekenschneider*^
Jeffrey Francois*
Robert Danico
John F. Norton*

Date

April 30, 2019
May 3, 2019
May 16, 2019
May 16, 2019

Officiated by

Rev. Katie Styr
Rev. Katie Styr
Cunnick-Collins Mortuary
Rev. Katie Styr

*Non-members

^Should have been on April Clerk Report

BUSINESS OF THE CLERK - Marty Bowles Edwards

On motion, approved by e-vote on June 11, 2019, retroactive approval be granted for a purse that was collected for Diane Pumphrey to tangibly express the congregation's gratitude.

On motion, approved by e-vote on June 11, 2019, a purse to be collected for Tiffany McClure to tangibly express the congregation's gratitude.

E-vote results: Yes – 16, No – 1, No Response – 7

- Read a letter from congregants, former CG&P Committee Members which documented the denial of their request to meet with the AC and explore ways of moving the church forward.

NEW BUSINESS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – Jeff Charis Carlson

- Meeting with CG&P as a group was declined until the CG&P Judicial Complaint process has reached closure.
- Presbytery Coordinating Commission (PCC) representatives asked to participate in the June 9, 2019 work session. Co-moderators Lori Wunder, Rev. Daniel Jessop, and Rev. Kristin Hudson are planning to be in attendance.
- Rev. Katie Styr reiterated the former CG&P are valued, loved, and contributing members of the our FPC Congregation and we will continue to reach out in friendship and affirmation.

IPNC – Sarah Greim

- Committee continued contact with IPNC candidate and ongoing review of PIF's. Updates will be provided as appropriate.

CEFY - Sarah Greim

On motion, approved the formation of a Christian Education Staffing Task Force with members as follows: Jeff Ehrmann, Sarah Greim, Paul Hartman, Diane Roebuck, and Katie Styr.

PERSONNEL - Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown

- Brian Price has resigned from Session and co-chair of PC due to accepting employment in Burlington, Ia. RuthAnn will be serving as Chair of PC.

On motion, approved Dick Koos to move from ACE to Personnel Committee.

On motion, Pat Halverson's work hours will be increased up to 20 per week to assist in covering Ministerial Staff needs and Congregational support and care from July 15-25, 2019.

- Decision was made not to hire a fulltime person to replace Diane Pumphrey. Bobette and Michelle will be doing the Broadcaster monthly and other publications. Presently acquiring quotes for outsourcing the webpage and social media.
- Tammy Mayhew is resigning her part-time position, effective August 21, 2019. Tammy's combination of skillful work, warmth, and kind heart will be greatly missed. Tammy has requested no purse collection or reception in her honor.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Pam Paulsen

On motion, approved the First Presbyterian Church Emergency Preparedness Guide as a reference and training tool. It will be available for Staff and Congregation Members both to access via computer and in a written pamphlet.

(A full copy of the FPC Emergency Preparedness Guide, presented to the Session electronically in preparation for the June 12, 2019 Session Meeting can be found in the Appendix of the official 2019 Session minutes.)

On motion, approved the Media Statement and instructions completed for use by the Head of Staff or designated person in the absence of the Head of Staff for use in times of emergency or sensitive occurrences.

On motion, approved the First Presbyterian Church Active Shooter Guidelines as a training and reference tool. This will be available by request from the Head of Staff and His/her designated person(s).

HOSPITALITY AND WELCOMING - Jeanne Sherwood

Hospitality & Welcoming Committee

On motion, approved First Presbyterian Church becoming part of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians and include their mission statement on our website: **Our Mission & The Call to Covenant Community**

- In this crucial time in church and culture, the Covenant Network remains committed to serving the church, believing that Jesus Christ has already made us one and that we are better equipped to carry out our larger ministry and witness when we are together. With the help of God's grace, the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is called to strengthen the Church of Jesus Christ
 - by working for the unity of the church, seeking understanding and reconciliation, listening to voices long silenced, and fearlessly engaging in conversations for the sake of faithfulness to the gospel of Jesus Christ;
 - by furthering the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) persons in the church;
 - by joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church by offering prophetic witness, developing theological resources, and cultivating partnerships for learning and action.
- As individuals and congregations committed to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we are called to:
 - Serve the PC(USA), supporting its mission, honoring its historic understanding that "God alone is Lord of the conscience," and by God's grace, working for the unity of the church.
 - Bear witness to Christ's love with kindness and compassion in the midst of conflict as we seek to live together with differences in perspectives, beliefs, and practices.
 - Welcome in the name of Christ all whom God calls into community and leadership in God's church, including LGBTQ persons.

- Ensure that sessions and presbyteries are able to ordain those called and gifted by God.
- Provide support for LGBTQ members and friends, and comfort those wounded by former church policies and practices.
- Commit financial resources to this ministry generously and regularly.

UNITE TASK FORCE – Katie Styr, on behalf of Jim Keenan

- Jim withdrew the motion, “Session replace our current brand message – *Heart of the City* – with: *Serving the Lord with gladness.*” Unite Task force recommends waiting on Interim Head of Staff leadership before any decision is made which publicly brands the congregation.
- Contact Jim Keenan with volunteer needs to work on your Session Committees.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS – Katie Styr

- Operations Manual needs updating.
 - Committee Chairs are to look at their sections and update to reflect current committee processes.
 - Rough draft to be prepared by Katie Styr, Marty Bowles Edwards, and a yet to be designated AC member, and presented at the August 19, 2019 Session Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm and Moderator Styr closed with prayer.

The next meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa will be held on July 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Von Maur Hall.

Moderator,
The Rev. Katie Styr

Clerk of Session,
Martha Bowles Edwards